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Sir:

The applicants request that the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of official record in the above-identified application and considered by the examiner. Documents A1, B1-B4, C9, C11, C13-C14 and C24 were cited in a communication (International Search Report; copy enclosed) from the European Patent Office in the counterpart international application (PCT/EP99/00696). Copies of all documents are enclosed herewith.

No fee is believed to be due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) because this statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449 and copies of documents cited therein are being submitted prior receipt of a first official action on the merits in the above-identified patent application.

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